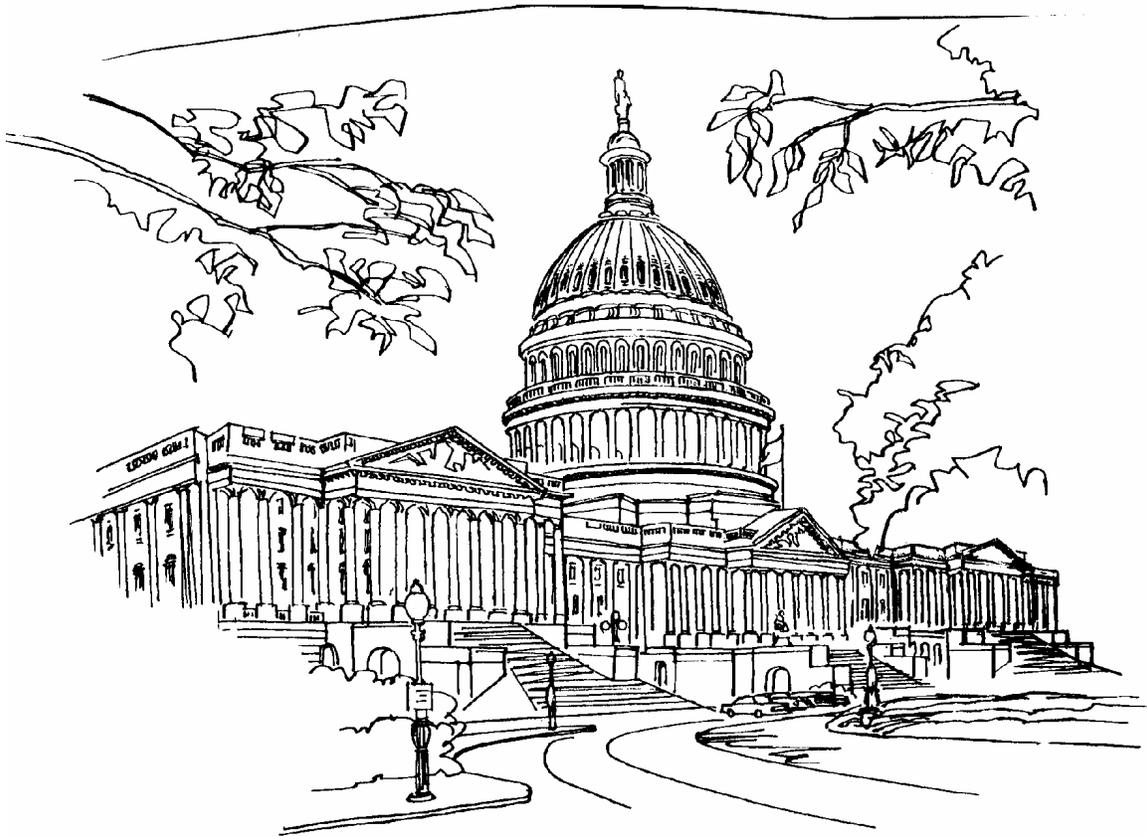


GRANTS NEWSLETTER

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GRANT INFORMATION

SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Program Title: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Amount: N/A

Deadline: June 9, 2003

Contact: Dorothy Pittard, Youth Services Program Specialist, Administration for Children and Families, Family and Youth Services Bureau, 330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20447. (202)205-8102.

Summary: This notice announces the availability of financial assistance and request for applications for the FY 2003 Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth (BCP), FY 2003 Street Outreach Program (SOP), FY 2003 Positive Youth Development State and Local Collaboration Demonstration Projects (SLCDP) and FY 2004 Transitional Living Program (TLP).

SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Program Title: Economic Development Assistance Programs

Amount: Funds in the amount of \$288,115,000 have been appropriated

Deadline: none available at this time

Contact: Gilbert Patterson, 401 West Peachtree Street, NW. Suite 1820
Mississippi

Summary: The Economic Development Administration (EDA) announces general policies and application procedures for investments that will help our partners across the nation (States, regions and communities) create wealth and minimize poverty by promoting a favorable business environment to attract private capital investment and higher-skill, higher-wage jobs through world-class capacity building, planning, infrastructure, research grants, business assistance, and strategic initiatives. EDA will fulfill this mission by promoting progressive domestic business policies and growth, and by assisting states, local governments, and community-based organizations in achieving their highest economic potential.

SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Program Title: Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Grant Program

Amount: up to \$6,000,000 total

Deadline: July 1, 2003

Contact: The LITC Program Office at 404-338-7185 (not a toll-free number) or by email at LITCProgramOffice@irs.gov.

Summary: The IRS has made available the grant application package (Publication 3319) for parties interested in applying for a Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Grant for the 2004 grant cycle. The IRS will provide grants to qualified organizations that represent low income taxpayers in controversies with the IRS and/or inform individuals for whom English is a second language of their tax rights and responsibilities. The IRS may award grants to qualifying organizations to fund one-year, two-year or three-year project periods.

SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Program Title: HOPE VI Demolition Program

Amount: approximately \$40 million have been appropriated

Deadline: June 3, 2003

Contact: Mr. Milan Ozdinec, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Housing Investments, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 4130, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 401-8812; fax (202) 401-2370 (these are not toll free numbers). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

Summary: The purpose of HOPE VI Demolition grants is to assist public housing agencies (PHAs) to demolish severely distressed public housing and provide relocation and other supportive services for residents.

SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Program Title: Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants Program

Amount: \$7,645,000

Deadline: June 16, 2003

Contact: Luretha Kelley, Teacher Quality Program, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street NW., Room 7096, Washington, DC 20006-8525. Telephone: (202) 502-7878, FAX: (202) 502-7864 or via Internet: Luretha.Kelley@ed.gov. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Summary: To provide grants to promote improvements in the quality of new teachers with the ultimate goal of increasing student achievement in the nation's K-12 classrooms. State Grants are designed to improve the quality of a State's teaching force by supporting the implementation of comprehensive statewide reform activities in areas such as teacher licensing and certification, accountability for high-quality teacher preparation, and recruitment.



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Diversity Scholarship

School: Jackson State University

Specific Major/Employment: Not Applicable

Eligibility Requirements: Priority given to Mississippi residents, full/part-time students who meet admissions requirements. Transfer students must have a 2.0 grade point average. Must enroll in 12 or more hours and must maintain an overall 2.5 in academic courses.

Scholarship Amount: \$250 to Full Tuition, Fees, Room and Board

Application Deadline: June 1

Contact: Marketing and Recruitment 601-979-2911

All-Ink.com College Scholarship Program

Description: To apply for this scholarship, you must submit a 50 to 200 word essay on who has had the greatest impact on your life, and a 50 to 200 word essay on what you hope to achieve in your personal and professional life after college.

Eligibility Requirements: High school seniors through graduate students are eligible to apply. Students must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident with a minimum 2.5 G.P.A., and attending an accredited college or university program during the Fall 2004 term or full-year 2004-2005 school year.

Scholarship Amount: \$1000

Application Deadline: December 31, 2003

Contact: <http://www.all-ink.com/scholarship.html>

The Harry S. Truman Memorial Scholarship Program

Description: Nationwide competition, to persons who demonstrate outstanding leadership potential, plan to plan to pursue careers on government or elsewhere in public service, and wish to attend graduate school.

Eligibility Requirements: Attend an accredited U.S. college or university and be nominated by the institution's Truman Faculty Representative, be U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals, complete an application and write a policy recommendation, be in the upper quarter of their junior class, except for residents of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa or the Northern Marianas who must be in their senior class.

Scholarship Amount: \$30,000--\$3,000 for the senior year and \$27,000 for graduate study

Application Deadline: February 9, 2004

Contact: 202-395-4831 or visit www.truman.gov